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TAGS: PDIP, UK, IR
SUBJECT: BEATING UP OF BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER IN
BAGHDAD

1. OVER THE PAST WEEKEND CONSIDERABLE MEDIA
PUBLICITY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE CASE OF RICHARD
DREW, AN OFFICER OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN BAGHDAD,
WHO WAS BEATEN UP BY POLICE IN BAGHDAD AT THE END
OF MAY. DREW AND HIS WIFE WERE ATTACKED IN
PUBLIC AND DRAGGED FROM THEIR CAR. DREW WAS
TAKEN TO THE MANSOUR POLICE STATION AND THERE
BEATEN UP AGAIN. AFTER TWO UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS
BY THE FCO MINISTER OF STATE TO OBTAIN AN EX-
PLANATION OF THE OUTRAGE FROM THE IRAQI AMBASSADOR
HERE, THE FCO MADE THE STORY PUBLIC.

2. THE FCO UNDERSTANDS THAT THE BEATING WAS A REPRISAL
ORGANIZED BY FALAH M. MAHMOUD, WHO WAS FORMERLY HERE
IN THE IRAQI EMBASSY WHERE HE WAS LISTED AS THE
"COMMERCIAL COUNSELLOR." AT THE END OF APRIL MAHMOUD WAS
INVOLVED IN AN INCIDENT WITH THE POLICE IN ACTON, IN THE
NORTHWEST OF LONDON AREA. HE THEREUPON RETURNED TO
BAGHDAD, OSTENSIBLY TO REPORT ON THE INCIDENT. THE
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FCO UNDERSTANDS THAT HIS REAL OBJECTIVE WAS TO ORGANIZE
SOME KIND OF REPRISAL. ALTHOUGH DREW IS RECOVERING
QUICKLY, FCO DESK OFFICER IN BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH EM-
BOFF CHARACTERIZED THE IRAQI POLICE ACTION AGAINST
DREW AS "DASTARDLY."

3. COPIES OF BRITISH AIDE MEMOIRE ON THE INCIDENT

POUCHED TO BAQHDAD AND NEA/ARN.

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